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SUBJECT: LEGAL REPRESENTATION AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS ARRESTED
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1. A FIJI MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER HAS INFORMED US THAT LEGAL AID IS AVAILABLE TO INDIGENT PEOPLE ONLY IN CRIMINAL CASES (NOT CIVIL CASES). AN AMERICAN COULD RECEIVE THIS AID BECAUSE THERE IS NO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT. HOWEVER, TO QUALIFY FOR THE AID, AN APPLICANT MUST BE VIRTUALLY DESTITUTE, AN UNLIKELY CIRCUMSTANCE FOR ANY AMERICAN IN FIJI.

2. COMPARING PUBLIC LEGAL ASSISTANCE WITH PRIVATE COUNSEL, SHE SAID THE QUALITY WOULD NOT DIFFER BECAUSE THE SAME LAWYERS PROVIDE BOTH SERVICES. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE SHE NOTED IS THAT PUBLIC DEFENSE CASES TAKE LONGER. THE LAWYERS TEND TO DRAW OUT LEGAL AID CASES BECAUSE FEES ARE PAID BY THE DAY.
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